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1. IN LETTER DATED MARCH 24, 1976 AFL-CIO PRESIDENT
GEORGE MEANY INFORMED TUAC PRESIDENT SVEND BACHE
VOGNBJERG (DENMARK) THAT AFL-CIO HAS DECIDED TO "REAC-
TIVATE ITS PARTICIPATION". FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF
MEANY LETTER:
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THE AFL-CIO HAS DECIDED TO REACTIVATE ITS PARTICIPATION

IN THE TRADE UNION ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT. PLEASE ADVISE US AS TO THE AMOUNT OF DUES FOR THE YEAR 1976, BASED UPON THE NON-EUROPEAN RATE. ANY FURTHER DETAILS ARISING OUT OF THIS DECISION MAY BE DISCUSSED WITH OUR REPRESENTATIVE IN EUROPE, MR. IRVING BROWN, AT 20 RUE DE LA PAIX, 75002 PARIS, FRANCE. END TEXT.

2. MEANY'S DECISION RESULTED FROM SOME TWO AND A HALF YEARS' EFFORT BY AFL-CIO EUROPEAN REP IRVING BROWN WHO HAS CONSISTENTLY ARGUED THE NEED FOR AN AFL-CIO EUROPEAN "PRESENCE". ACCORDING TO BROWN, TUAC COULD PROVIDE AMERICAN LABOR A CONTACT POINT AND FORUM WITH EUROPEAN LABOR THAT ICFTU (INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF FREE TRADE UNIONS) ONCE OFFERED. RESPONDING TO MISSION OFFICER'S QUERY, BROWN SAID TUAC REACTIVATION DOES NOT IMPLY EVENTUAL RAPPROCHEMENT WITH ICFTU, BUT DOES REPRESENT A "FIRST STEP" IN OVERALL PROCESS OF CLOSER RELATIONS WITH EUROPEAN LABOR.

3. BROWN SAID MEANY DECISION WAS LARGELY INFLUENCED BY REPRESENTATIONS MADE BY PRESIDENTS OF AFL-CIO AFFILIATES WHOSE UNIONS ARE INDIRECTLY INVOLVED WITH TUAC THROUGH THEIR MEMBERSHIP IN THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE SECRETARIATS. FOR EXAMPLE, DURING FEBRUARY VISIT WITH TUAC REPS, JOSEPH KEENAN, PRESIDENT, INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS, AND GERALD O'KEEFE, DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, RETAIL CLERKS INTERNATIONAL UNION, WERE IMPRESSED BY OECD'S PRODUCTIVE WORK ON MNE GUIDELINES. DURING THAT VISIT, KEENAN AND O'KEEFE TOLD MISSION OFFICER THEY WOULD ATTEMPT TO CONVINCE COLLEAGUES OF VALUE OF AFL-CIO REACTIVATION WITH TUAC AND TO PRESENT THEIR VIEWS TO MEANY. TURNER UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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